

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1215

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Luther B. Townley upon his induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Luther Townley, who was recently inducted into the Rockwood Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Hall of Fame exists to recognize, celebrate, and honor those who have distinguished themselves through their success in public service, honorable military service, professional accomplishments, contributions to the community, and personal achievements, and Mr. Townley's lifetime of excellence in all his endeavors is surely deserving of such recognition; and

WHEREAS, a native of Virginia, Luther Townley graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor's degree in math and later received a master's degree in Theology from the University of Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedoms, Mr. Townley bravely answered the patriotic call to duty, achieving an exemplary military career that was awarded with five good conduct medals, two achievement ribbons, one battle ribbon, a presidential citation, and many other honors, in addition to the purple heart he was awarded for an injury he sustained while serving in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, during his admirable military service, Luther Townley had the distinction of being part of the recovery team for the Apollo 13 space mission and working in Ethiopia, valiantly researching malaria and other prevalent diseases of Africa; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from military service, Mr. Townley managed a medical clinic in Knoxville for eight years before working as a health administrator for the Department of Corrections for another seventeen years, in which position he earned the unbridled respect of his peers and superiors alike for the stellar quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Luther Townley is a consummate public servant dedicated to improving the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian of steadfast conviction and stalwart beliefs, Mr. Townley became a minister and has dedicated himself full-time to serving as an evangelist for the Church of God; and

WHEREAS, Luther Townley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to family and always endeavoring to remain true to family values of the highest order, Mr. Townley is most thankful for the love and support he receives from his wife of more than forty-five years, Mary Alice, his three daughters, and his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Luther Townley for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Luther Townley upon his induction into the Rockwood Hall of Fame, honor and commend him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.